

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, May 24.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 1654–1666; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 88, H. Con. Res. 68, and H. Res. 152 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 151, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–126).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5085

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 41 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 338, the House approved the Journal of Tuesday May 16.

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Line Item Veto: House passed S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority.

Pages H5090–97

Agreed to the Clinger motion to strike out all after the enacting clause of S. 4 and insert the language of H.R. 2 as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

Pages H5090–94

H. Res. 147 was laid on the table. Page H5097

Regulatory Transition Act: House passed S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions.

Pages H5097–H5106

Agreed to the Clinger motion to strike out all after the enacting clause of S. 219 and insert the language of H.R. 450 as passed the House.

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H. Res. 148 was laid on the table. Page H5106

Late Report: Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight on Thursday, May 18, to file a report on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the

Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

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Budget: House completed all general debate on H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 18.

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H. Res. 149, the rule under which the concurrent resolution is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 168 noes, Roll No. 340. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 339.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5191–H5230.

Quorum Calls—Votes. Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5106–07, H5116–17, and H5117. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Bomber Modernization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; Gen. John M. Loh, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and officials of the RAND Corporation.

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM
MODERNIZATION ACT**

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 1487, Federal Home Loan Bank System Modernization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Carnell, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Nicholas P. Retsinas, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development and Director, Federal Housing Finance Board; Lawrence U. Costiglio, Director, Federal Housing Finance Board; and the following Presidents of various Federal Home Loan Banks: Michael A. Jesse, Boston; Alex J. Pollack, Chicago; Charles L. Thiemann, Cincinnati; Alfred A. DelliBovi, New York; and Dean Schultz, San Francisco.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMUNICATIONS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995.

**CONSOLIDATED AND REFORMED
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND
REHABILITATION SYSTEMS ACT**

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1617, Consolidated and Reformed Education, Employment and Rehabilitation Systems Act.

BUYOUTS: BOON OR BOONDOGGLE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Buyouts: Boon or Boondoggle. Testimony was heard from James B. King, Director, OPM; Tim Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Human Resource Management Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Jim Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA—MOVE
TOWARD DEMOCRACY**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 40, concerning the movement toward democracy in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

CHINESE POPULATION CONTROL

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a

hearing on Chinese Population Control. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS—
AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on authorization and oversight of the Office of Government Ethics. Testimony was heard from Stephen D. Potts, Director, Office of Government Ethics.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on law enforcement technologies. Testimony was heard from David Boyd, Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on legal immigration reform proposals. Testimony was heard from Susan Martin, Executive Director, Commission on Immigration Reform; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine approve for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1347, Maritime Administration Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996; H.R. 1349, amended, Panama Canal Commission Authorization for fiscal year 1996; and H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act of 1995.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare, and Recreation approved for full Committee action H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1077, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 260, National Park System Reform Act of 1995; H.R. 70, to permit export of certain domestically produced crude oil; and H.R. 1122, Alaska Power Administration Sale Act.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1332, Rongelap Recovery and Community Self-Reliance Act.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Task Force on Private Property held an oversight hearing on Private Property Rights. Testimony was heard from Joseph Sax, Counselor to the Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and against its consideration. The rule also dispenses with the reading of the conference report.

The waiver of all points of order is taken out of precaution to expedite this urgent matter. The blanket waiver includes a waiver of clause 2 of XXVIII, the three day availability requirement for conference reports. The blanket waiver also encompasses a waiver of clause 2 of rule XX, relating to legislation and unauthorized items on a general appropriations bill. The blanket waiver further includes a waiver of clause 3 of rule XXVIII, to protect provisions which exceed the scope of differences between the House and the Senate. The blanket waiver includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XXVIII, relating to nongermane Senate matters. Finally, the blanket waiver includes a waiver of clause 2(b) of rule XXII, which bans commemoratives. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Lewis of California, Porter, and Barr.

APPROPRIATE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS—HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES FIND EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities continued hearings on the appropriate role and the effectiveness of various federal government programs in helping small businesses find export opportunities around the world, focusing on agriculture. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 23.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

EXTENSION OF FAST TRACK TRADE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House Committee on Rules concluded joint hearings on Extension of Fast Track trade negotiating authority. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; former Representative William Frenzel, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FLAT TAX

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the effects of a proposed flat rate tax on the current tax system and on economic growth, receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Representative Arney; Jack F. Kemp, Empower America, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Richard W. Rahn, Business Leadership Council, and Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, all of Washington, D.C.; Alvin Rabushka, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Treasury Department, and the Federal Election Commission, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to resume hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Marine Corps modernization programs and current operations, 1 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on S. 727, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1996 for